

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 12 December 2022 via Zoom at 8am

Present: Judith Lawton, Philip Noye, Lynne Fegan, Carole Bee and Sonya Adams

Apologies: Nil

RBSP report and actions:

1. Sonya has done a lot of info gathering re signage and it was agreed to develop signs and trial them in the sites we already have permission for. We will ask clubs in North Otago and Central areas to find members willing to “host” and erect signs. Proposed an image and slogan “Play Bridge, it’s serious fun”.
2. Will have a link to Playbridge.co.nz and then they land on a find a club form that will get forwarded to Sonya to direct to a club.
3. Sonya noted that most of the Otago Southland Region’s club websites are largely focused on those that are already club members. We need to encourage our clubs to look at their site and make sure it has contacts that can be reached on the front page, information about lessons etc. Clubs also need to provide a phone number that can be reached outside of session times...or a message on their phone with a way to contact the club e.g. email address.

4. FB Marketing phase 3:

Motion: “That we contribute \$500 to phase three Facebook promotion and target Oamaru, Otago, East Otago and Taieri Clubs and that they be asked if they wish to contribute to extend the campaign.”

Moved Carole/Phil - Carried

Sonya to contact them and ask if they wish to contribute and to ensure they are prepared for any responses.

5. Invercargill Night market and A&P show 3 & 4 March. Booked.
Wanaka A & P Show booked. Noted that Wanaka have decided not to hold lessons in 2023

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2022 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Lynne/Phil – Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Lynne to contact Invercargill about how to access online entries for the OS Swiss Pairs

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Alister Stuck email re banking system. Lynne has contacted him.
2. Balclutha request to move 2023 Tournament to 14 October. Approved by Committee.
3. Alexandra request to move Holiday Pairs to 5 and 6 January 2024. Approved by committee. Lynne to contact Alexandra club and find out why the Holiday bridge has moved away from two evening sessions to an evening and an afternoon session.
4. Letter from Allan Morris. Discussed later in the meeting.
5. Invercargill wish to move their Rowena Jackson Swiss Pairs to 28 October 2023 which is approved by the committee once they submit the form.

OUTWARDS:

1. Minutes previous meeting to NZ Bridge Secretary.

Motion: "That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with."

Moved Carole/Lynne - carried

Financial Report:

Lynne circulated the financial report. Closing balance at \$17250.76 with 2022 OS Congress financial finalised.

Motion: "That the financial report be received." moved Lynne/ Phil -carried

Regional Directions:

1. No approval of budget yet. Will resubmit in March when next budget is now due.
2. RBSP meeting possibly January, Judith has responded with the dates she is unavailable. No further response.
3. OS Conference topics Membership; Lessons; Online Bridge and Open Forum came out on top. Sony to be approached re topic 1& 2; Kate Terry and Anna Kalma be approached by Judith to attend and contribute.
4. Regional Directors. Ray to be left on list but marked as INACTIVE. Would help in an emergency.

5. Te Anau, Winton, Invercargill and Gore Interclub (TWIG) all keen to move this forward.
6. Online Strategy so far:
 - In Principle National Tournaments should be online unless they are being held in Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch.
 - Regions can decide if SI or NI events are to be Online or FTF when they are hosting them.
 - Over 2023 to trial, there will be 1 weekend each month allocated where any club with a tournament scheduled that weekend are able to decide between FTF and online. The list of affected club events will be out in the next week or two. 8 events in OS region

Considering low numbers in our SI pairs this year to try and increase participation:

Motion: "That the 2023 South Island Pairs to be held on 26 August 2023 be held Online." Moved Lynne/Carole – Carried

Carole will notify the Otago Club that they will not be required to host this and the Regional Committee will take responsibility for the organisation.

7. OS Congress Labour weekend 2023 Queenstown: No venue available that is easy for them. Suggested maybe they would like to try and host the OS Provincial pairs and teams on King's Birthday weekend if their venue is available, and the Otago Club be asked to host OS Congress at Labour Weekend again. Lynne to approach Queenstown Club.

Meeting Closed 9:50am Next meeting date to be advised.

Critical Actions:

Who	What	When	Actioned
Judith	Continue to work in southern interclub	Ongoing	
Judith	Contact Anna K and/or Kate T at NZ Bridge	ASAP	
Carole	Forward Alexandra and Balclutha's date changes to Rona	ASAP	√
Lynne	Contact Invercargill about access to entries	ASAP	√
Sonya	Approach clubs about Phase 3	ASAP	√
Carole	Inform Otago re Online SI Pairs	ASAP	√
Lynne	Contact Queenstown re hosting Provincials	ASAP	√

*ASAP As soon as possible BNM By next meeting